**Washington**, **DC** – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced this week that the City of Alpine is on tap to receive \$800,000 in appropriations funding for the library and airport.

On Monday, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee voted to approve the funding, which must now go to the full Committee and the House floor.

"I appreciate working with the community to determine its needs and then bringing those needs to Washington," said Congressman Rodriguez, who sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. "Both of these projects are very important to the City of Alpine and its citizens and this vote is an important step in getting them funded."

The Alpine Library construction project will receive \$300,000 via the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Economic Development Initiative (EDI) resources intended to promote community development.

Half a million dollars is slated for airport renovations to facilitate its expansion and attract regional airline service. Improvements include runway repaving, replacement of runway lights and terminal enhancements. The use of taxpayer funds will promote the goal of providing enhanced and efficient airport services in Alpine and surrounding jurisdictions.